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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

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described and claimed

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	as U.S. Application Serial No. 09/574.734
	and as amended

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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I, J. Kenneth Blackwell, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign corporations; that said records show Certificate of Amendment to the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of MERIDIAN DIAGNOSTICS, INC., an Ohio corporation, Charter No.483376, changing its Corporate title to: MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC., was filed in this office on January 24, 2001, recorded on DIN# 200105401712 of the Records of Incorporation. Said corporation, MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC., an Ohio corporation, Charter No. 483376, having its principal location in Cincinnati, County of Hamilton was incorporated on June 25, 1976 and is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF MERIDIAN DIAGNOSTICS, INC.

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The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Meridian Diagnostics, Inc. was held at 3:00 p.m. on January 23, 2001 at The Phoenix, 812 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. The meeting was held pursuant to notice to all Shareholders as verified in an Affidavit supplied by The Fifth Third Bank, the Company's transfer agent.

Mr. William J. Motto served as Chairman and Mr. Gary P. Kreider as Secretary of the meeting. Mr. Motto appointed Tanya Perry of The Fifth Third Bank as the Inspector of Election.

The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous voice vote, reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of shareholders was dispensed.

The next order of business was the election of directors. The following six individuals were nominated as Directors:

James A. Buzard John A. Kraeutler Gary P. Kreider William J. Motto David C. Phillips Robert J. Ready

No other nominations were received. Upon confirmation from the Inspector of Election that each candidate received sufficient votes, the Chairman declared the six nominees elected.

The next order of business was the approval of an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to change the Company's name to "Meridian Bioscience, Inc." from "Meridian Diagnostics, Inc." Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following amendment to the first Article of the Company's Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the vote stated in the report of the Inspector of Elections:

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is Meridian Bioscience, Inc.

The next order of business was the approval of amending and restating the Company's 1996 Stock Option Plan to provide 500,000 additional shares available for issuance. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted by the vote stated in the report of the Inspector of Elections:

RESOLVED: That the shareholders of Meridian Diagnostics, Inc. approve the amendment and restatement of the Company's 1996 Stock Option Plan to make an additional 500,000 shares available for issuance.

The final order of business was the ratification of Arthur Andersen LLP as independent public accounts for fiscal 2001. The Chairman introduced Brian Carley and Larry Baker representatives of Arthur Andersen LLP, who were available to answer shareholder questions. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted by the vote stated in the report of the Inspector of Elections:

RESOLVED: That the shareholders of Meridian Diagnostics, Inc. ratify the selection by the Board of Directors of Arthur Andersen LLP as independent public accountants for Meridian Diagnostics, Inc. for fiscal year 2001.

There being no further business, to come before the meeting, the same was, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous voice vote, adjourned.

Gary P. Kreider, Secretary

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Exhibit A

AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC. Instely usupes the following Amended America of Incorporation to supercede and take the place of the existing Amended Articles of Incorporation and all Amendments thereto:

FIRST. The name of the Corporation is Meridian Bioscience, Inc.

SECOND. The place in Ohio where its principal office is to be located is 3467 Riverbills Dave, Cincipali, Hamilton County, Ohio 45244.

TIMED. The purpose for which the Corporation is organized shall be:

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FOURTH. The maximum number of shires which the Corporation is authorized to have outstanding is:

- .9. 50,000,000 shares of Common Stock, without per value and
- B. 1,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, without par value.

The holders of the Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive dividends out of any funds of the Corporation at the time legally available for dividends when and as declared by the Board of Directors at such that as shall be flexed by the Board of Directors before any sum shall be set apart or applied to the redemption or purchase of or any dividends shall be declared or paid upon or set apart for any class or series of Common Stock. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, the holders of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Corporation payment of an amount per share as determined by the Board of Directors as a liquidation price (including accrued dividends, if any) before any distribution of assets shall be made to the holders of any class or series of Common Stock.

The Board of Uneccors shall have the express authority from time to time to adopt amendments to these Articles of incorporation with respect to any unissued or treasury shares of Professed Stock and thereby to fin or change the division of such shares into soties and the designation and authorized number of shares of each series and to provide for each such series: voting powers, full or limited or no voting powers; dividend rates; dates of payment of dividends; dams from which dividends are cumulative, liquidation prices; redemption rights and

prices: sinking fund requirements; conversion rights: restrictions on the issuance of charts of other series of Preferred Stock; and such other designations, preferences and relative panicipating options or other special rights and qualifications, powers, limitations or restrictions thereon as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

FIGTH. No holder of any states of this Curporation stati have any pre-emprive rights to subscribe for or to purchase any shapes of this Corporation of any class whether such theres or such class be now as hereafter outhorized or to purchase or subscribe for rectables convenible into or exhaustich for theres of any nines are to which shall be altached or appearatized any warrants or rights entitling the holder thereof to purchase or subscribe for shares of any class.

SIXTH. This Corporation, through its Board of Directors, shall have the right and power to purchase any of its outstanding shares at such price and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the Corporation and any salling shareholder.

SEVENTR. The provisions of Ohio Ravised Code Section 1701.231 relating to control there acquisitions shall not be applicable to this Corporation.

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

John A. Kreenter, President, of MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC., an Ollo corporation for profit with its principal place of business located at 1-171 River Hills Drive, Cincinnas, Hamilton County, Ohio, does hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors called for the purpose of adopting the Amended Articles of Incorporation attached as Exhibit A and held on Jarrany 23, 2001, the following resolution to adopt the attached Amended Articles of Incorporation by the Board of Directors in order to consolidate the existing Amended Articles of Incorporation with all amendments therein:

RESOLVED: That the Amended Articles of Incorporation attached hereto as Exhibit A be adopted by the corporation and supercede and take the place of the existing Amended Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named citizer, assing for and on behalf of the corporation, has hereunco subscribed his mane this 23rd day of lanuary, 2001.

John A. Kraeutler, President

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Kenneth James Kozak, of the City of Cincinnati and State of Ohio, County of , and State of , invented certain new and useful IMMUNOASSAY FOR H. PYLORI IN FECAL SPECIMENS USING GENUS SPECIFIC MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY (Docket No. 041497-015) for which I/we executed an application for letters patent of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, Meridian Diagnostics, Inc., a corporation of the State of Ohio, with a place of business at 3471 River Hills Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, hereinafter called the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions therein disclosed and any letters patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I/we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and the inventions therein disclosed, and any improvements thereon, and any patent or patents that may be issued or reissued thereon, and I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent thereon, and reissues thereof, to said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we hereby authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to file in its own name applications for patent in foreign countries in connection with the inventions hereby transferred, under the International Convention claiming the priority of said United States application or otherwise, and to secure in its own name the patent or patents issued thereon; and I/we hereby agree that, upon request, I/we will sign all papers, and make all rightful oaths, and do all acts which said Assignee, its successors or assigns, may consider necessary in connection with said United States application, and in connection with any other United States or foreign applications that may be filed in connection with said inventions, and with any improvements thereon, and in connection with any patents issued or reissued thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 2 day of 5000. COUNTY OF Hamilton) On this <u>d</u> day of <u>fune</u>, 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named Kenneth James
Kozak, personally known to me, and acknowledged the
execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed

for the purpose herein set forth.

BEVERLY REEVES RUFENER Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires Mar. 24, 2001

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

The undersigned hereby revokes all fonner Powers of Attorney and appoints Steven J. Goldstein, Registration No. 28,079; Edwin R. Acheson, Jr., Registration No. 31,808; Stephen R. Albainy-Jenei, Registration No. 41,487; David E. Franklin, Registration No. 39,194; William E. Gallagher, Registration No. 35,145; James M. Kipling, Registration No. 26,287; Ann G. Robinson, Registration No. 39,820; Ria Farrell Schalnat, Registration No. 47,058; David E. Schmit, Registration No. 28,472; Karlyn A. Schnapp, Registration No. 45,558; Ralph J. Skinkiss, Registration No. 26,105; and Kevin S. Spiecher, Registration No. 42,165; c/o Frost Brown Todd LLC. 2200 PNC Center, 201 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (513) 651-6800, attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute said application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith.

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